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TAGS: OEXC ENRG TECH TH (PREECHA CHUNGWATANA)

SUBJ: MULTI-REGIONAL PROJECT ON ENERGY TECHNOLOGY

STATE FOR CU

REF: STATE 149883 & 113956

1. FULL NAME: PREECHA CHUNGWATANA
2. PLACE AND DATE OF BIRTH: BANGKOK, DECEMBER 10, 1936
3. CITIZENSHIP: THAI
4. HOME ADDRESS: 53/A-1 BANGKRUAY, NONTABURI
5. PRESENT POSITION: CHIEF, ATOMIC POWER DIVISION 1969-75  
(AND ACTING DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR 1973-75), ELECTRICITY  
GENERATING AUTHORITY OF THAILAND (EGAT)
6. SIGNIFICANT POSITIONS HELD IN PAST: SECTION HEAD, MECHANICAL  
ENGINEERING AND PLANT PLANNING AND ENGINEERING, YANHEE  
ELECTRICITY AUTHORITY, 1960-69.
7. ACADEMIC TRAINING: CHULALONGKORN UNIVERSITY, 1956-60, B.ENG.  
DEGREE IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING; ROYAL COLLEGE OF  
SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (GLASGOW) 1962-63, D.R.C. IN NUCLEAR  
POWER ENGINEERING, UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL, 1964-65, M.ENG.  
DEGREE IN POWER ENGINEERING.
8. TRAVEL ABROAD: HAS MADE VARIOUS VISITS TO US, MAINLY FOR  
CONSULTATION WITH US AEC IN CONNECTION WITH ENRICHED  
URANIUM CONTRACT. HAS ALSO VISITED EUROPE, INCLUDING  
VIENNA, IN CONNECTION WITH ATOMIC ENERGY MATTERS.

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9. KNOWLEDGE OF ENGLISH: SUPERIOR.

10. MARITAL STATUS: MARRIED WITH TWO SMALL CHILDREN

11. NAME CHECK: PENDING.

12. JUSTIFICATION: AS CHIEF OF ELECTRICITY GENERATING AUTHORITY OF THAILAND'S ATOMIC POWER DIVISION, PREECHA HAS AN ENORMOUSLY RESPONSIBLE POSITION AND IS IN CHARGE OF ACQUIRING TWO INITIAL NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS SCHEDULED TO GO ON STREAM IN 1982.

AMERICAN MANUFACTURERS ARE IN COMPETITION WITH EUROPEAN AND CANADIAN MANUFACTURERS FOR SALE OF THESE PLANTS. PREECHA'S EDUCATION AND TRAINING HAS BEEN MOSTLY IN THAILAND AND EUROPE; FURTHER EXPOSURE TO AMERICAN CONCEPTS OF ATOMIC POWER SHOULD BENEFIT THAILAND AND AMERICAN INDUSTRY.

13. SUGGESTED PROGRAM: MULTI-REGIONAL PROJECT AS DESCRIBED WOULD SEEM IDEAL.

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